

THERE WERE

lions
in the shade

long grass
along the river

long grass

lions in the green shade

PURPLE HOUSE

the lady with the queer smile
roller skated through the halls

i stole her food
and slept in a large room
with the lights on

and you
were thinking it over

thinking it all over

THE MAN IN THE BLUE VAN

He stands at the door
with a mocking smile.
His barbed wire fence
has left scars
around his mouth.
The children hide
in closets.